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SALEM COUNTY

Historical Society

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CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

SALEM COUNTY

Historical Society

Instituted November 11th, 1884.

WITH THE NAMES OF THE FIRST MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

SALEM, N. J.

SALEM, N. J.,
NATIONAL STANDARD PRINT,
1895.

Officers of the Society.

PRESIDENT :

WILLIAM PATTERSON.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

ANDREW SINNICKSON, W. G. TYLER,
A. H. SLAPE, J. HOWARD SINNICKSON.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY :

WOODNUTT PETTIT.

RECORDING SECRETARY :

J. B. HILLIARD.

TREASURER :

CHARLES W. CASPER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

JOSIAH WISTAR. W. T. HILLIARD.
T. J. YORKE.

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CONSTITUTION.



ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called
"The Salem County Historical Society."

ARTICLE II. The object of the Society shall be to discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the natural, civil, literary and ecclesiastical history of Salem county.

ARTICLE III. This Society shall consist of resident, corresponding and honorary members. Resident members shall be those residing in the county of Salem. Corresponding members shall be those residing in other parts of the State of New Jersey. And honorary members shall be such as shall be elected by the Society to that position.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Society, to be elected annually, and by ballot, shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of five members, of whom the President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be *ex officio* members. And this Committee shall have power to appoint other committees.

ARTICLE V. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to solicit and receive donations for the Society; to recommend plans for promoting its objects, to digest and prepare business and to execute other duties as may from time to time be committed to them by the Society. They shall meet once at least in every three months. At each annual meeting, or oftener if required, they shall make a report to the Society of the principal acquisitions and transactions of the preceding year.

ARTICLE VI. Resident members shall pay on admission the sum of two dollars, and one dollar annually thereafter. Any member paying twenty dollars at one time shall become a life member, and every person who shall have regularly paid the annual fees and dues for twenty years successively shall thereafter be a life member. But should any resident member, other than a life member, fail to pay the said annual fees and dues, for three years, or at any time refuse to pay the same, he shall forfeit the privileges of membership, and his name shall be erased from the list of members.

ARTICLE VII. The Society shall meet quarterly, to-wit: The second Tuesday in March, June, September and December. But the President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-

Presidents, may call a special meeting at the request of three members. The election of officers shall be at the meeting on the first Tuesday in December. The election shall be determined by the majority of the ballots cast.

ARTICLE VIII. The election of members shall be by ballot, upon the nomination of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX. This Constitution may be amended from time to time as the Society shall deem proper. But no amendments shall become a part of the Constitution until it shall have been favorably acted upon at two regular consecutive meetings of the Society.

BY-LAWS.



I. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no alteration of the Constitution, or addition thereto, shall be made unless thirteen members at least be present and two-thirds vote for the same.

II. It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, of either of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and the presiding officer shall have a casting vote.

III. The Corresponding Secretary shall have the custody of all letters and communications to the Society, excepting papers read and addresses delivered before the same, which shall be deposited in the archives. He shall at every meeting read such letters and communications as he shall have received, and shall prepare all letters connected with the business or objects of the Society, excepting such, for the preparation of which a special committee shall be appointed. He shall notify all members of their election and of such other matters as he may deem necessary or be directed to communicate; and shall keep, in suitable books, provided for the purpose, copies of all important letters written on behalf of the Society:

He shall carefully preserve the original of all letters and other communications he may receive and shall deposit the same in the archives of the Society.

IV. The Recording Secretary shall have charge of the Constitution, By-laws and records of the Society. He shall keep a fair and accurate record of all the proceedings of the Society in a book to be provided for the purpose, and give notice to the several officers and to the Executive and special committees of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties. He shall give notice of the time and place of meetings of the Society, by advertising two weeks previously, in the newspapers of Salem. Special meetings shall be called by advertisement, in the papers, at least one week before the meeting.

V. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and subscriptions and shall keep the funds and securities of the Society. He shall pay such bills as may be approved by the Executive Committee. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments in books to be provided for the purpose, and at each annual meeting, or oftener, if required by the Executive Committee, render the same

to the Society, duly audited, by a committee appointed for that purpose.

CORPORATION.

To the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas
of the county of Salem :

This is to certify that the Salem County Historical Society, a voluntary association of citizens of this State, resident in Salem county, being desirous of becoming and being a corporate body. under and by virtue of the laws of this State, and in particular of an act entitled "an act to incorporate Historic Societies," approved March 27, 1878, and the supplements thereto, in pursuance thereof did on the thirty-first day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, as a society and as citizens of this State, resident in this county, assemble at the place where the Court of Common Pleas is usually held in Salem county, at a time by them agreed upon, that is to say at the time and place last afore aid, and did give at least five days notice, prior thereto, of the time and place and purpose of assembling by an advertisement set up in open view at or near such place of meeting and also did advertise said time, object and place of meeting in one or more of the public newspapers of said county, to-wit: The *South Jerseyman* and the *National Standard*, for at least ten days prior thereto, and when so assembled did elect Albert H. Slape as Chairman of said meeting

and J. B. Hilliard as the Secretary thereof, and did then and there by a plurality of voices of said citizens, being also members of the Salem County Historical Society, as were then present, determine upon and elect a number not exceeding seven of said citizens and being members of said Society as aforesaid, to be Trustees of the Society now incorporated herein.

The names of the said citizens so elected at said time and place, as Trustees of the Society herein incorporated are as follows, that is to say :

William Patterson, Owen L. Jones, Thomas J. Yorke, J. Bernard Hilliard, Albert H. Slape, Edward S. Sharpe, Charles W. Casper.

That the said persons, citizens as aforesaid, did adopt, and the said Trustees did take upon themselves the corporate name of "**The Salem County Historical Society.**"

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this thirty-first day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

WILLIAM PATTERSON,
OWEN L. JONES,
THOMAS J. YORKE,
J. BERNARD HILLIARD.
ALBERT H. SLAPE,
EDWARD S. SHARPE,
CHARLES W. CASPER.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At the regular meetings of the Society, the following shall be the order of business :

1. The Reading of the Minutes of last meeting.
2. Reading of Letters, or a report by the Corresponding Secretary.
3. The Reports of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary.
4. Reports of the Executive and other Committees.
5. Election of Members proposed by the Executive Committee.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Communications and Addresses before the Society.

This Order of Business may be suspended at any time by a majority of the members present.

Adopted November 11th, 1884.

MEMBERS OF THE Salem County Historical Society

William Patterson,
*Joseph H. Thompson,
*Elijah Ware,
*Joseph Bassett,
William T. Hilliard,
T. Jones Yorke, Jr.,
*Constant M. Eakin,
Thomas J. Craven,
Thomas Sinnickson,
William Plummer,
Charles M. Perkins,
Albert H. Slape,
*George Mecum,
*Thomas Shourds,
Robert Gwynne,
Morris H. Stratton,
Benjamin Patterson,
*Samuel Abbott,
Thomas T. Hilliard,
Henry M. Rumsey,
Owen L. Jones,
Walter W. Acton,
Charles W. Casper,
John V. Craven,
Josiah Wistar,
Andrew Sinnickson,
I. Oakford Acton,
*John Sinnickson, M. D.,
J. Bernard Hilliard,
Enoch S. Fogg,
William Z. Flitcraft,
Caleb Wheeler,
*Richard M. Acton.
*Samuel Prior.
*John Clement.

Edward S. Sharpe, M. D.,
Samuel W. Dunn,
Woodnutt Pettit,
J. Jessup Ford,
John C. Mulford,
*Jonathan Kelty,
A. W. Sherron,
Thompson E. Mulford,
*Frank M. Acton,
*Annie G. Hubbell,
Annie L. Hubbell,
Benjamin R. Kelty,
Susan Gibbon,
Charles Mecum,
William C. Reeve,
Sarah B. Harris,
William Morris,
George B. Rumsey,
John F. Prendergast,
Harriet V. Cone,
Quinton Harris,
Mary E. Thompson,
Maria Mecum,
Hannah Hall,
Anna Hunter Van Meter,
Cornelia Prior,
Lavinia Dunlap Casper,
Isabella Craven,
Adaline Sinnickson,
J. Forman Sinnickson,
*Henry Bacon Ware.
William H. Chew,
W. Graham Tyler.
J. Howard Sinnickson.
Edward Trenchard.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Henry T. Ellett,
Gideon Scull,
Charles Roberts,
Francis B. Lee,
George Pettit,

Tennessee.
Oxford, England.
Philadelphia
Trenton.
Philadelphia.

* Deceased.



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